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O'Loan's office cleared of leaking news after PSNI probe

The Police Ombudsman's Office has been cleared of leaking confidential information to the media.

By: Press Association

Detectives dismissed Retired Police Officers` Association claims that secret details of Nuala O` Loan`s report on collusion into the loyalist murder of Raymond McCord Jnr, 22, in north Belfast in 1997 were leaked before publication.

Police launched an inquiry after receiving a complaint that the Official Secrets Act and the Police Act had been broken.

Mrs O` Loan said she was not surprised by the Police Service of Northern Ireland findings.

"I had expected this outcome but nevertheless I am very pleased to have received the news that police have found no substance to the allegations," she said.

"The allegations made against me and my staff were very, very serious - I knew that the very small group of staff who had worked on the particular investigation had worked very hard and very closely, and I knew there was no substance to it."

Her report, published in January this year, found evidence of collusion between Royal Ulster Constabulary Special Branch officers and a north Belfast Ulster Volunteer Force group which murdered up to 16 people.

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In a statement the police said: "The PSNI has completed a thorough investigation and all parties involved have been informed of the outcome of that investigation.

"It would not be appropriate for a police organisation to comment further on the details or outcome."

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